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The District 2 Spot Lighted "Employee Of The Month"

Officer Dale Duhamé started his career as a Police Aide in 1978. He was promoted in 1979 to Police Officer. As a 26 year veteran of the Scottsdale Police Department, Officer Duhamé has held many positions such as: *a Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Officer, Hostage Negotiator, Warrants/Transportation, Arrest Tactics/Felony Stop/Officer Survival Instructor, Post Instructor, Corporal and Master Police Officer.* Officer Duhamé is currently assigned to District 2 as the Station Officer. He continuously receives positive comments about his friendly and willing attitude to assist others. As a result of his behavior, Officer Duhamé was nominated for, "*Police Officer Of The Year*" in 2001.

Officer Duhamé has been a model and an actor in a few movies such as: *Raising Arizona* and *Waiting to Exhale*. He now enjoys his days off by walking along the California Beaches, taking rides on his motorcycle or sometimes, something as simple as talking with his friends at Pischkes Restaurant, "*where everyone knows his name.*"



MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER MICHAEL D. ROSENBERGER

Scottsdale's G.A.I.N. Event

I am very pleased to see Scottsdale's participation in this year's G.A.I.N. event. Each year the event gets bigger and better. On Saturday, October 16, 2004, Scottsdale participated in its 7th annual event. There were a total of (40) neighborhood parties, bringing the attendance number to approximately 3,000 Scottsdale residents. In addition, there were approximately (10) neighborhood parties that took place shortly after the scheduled G.A.I.N. event. In District 2, there were (10) neighborhoods participating.

The success of the program is a true credit to our neighborhoods wanting to learn the newest ways to enhance the personal safety as well as their neighborhood safety. I would also like to thank the Police Department's Crime Prevention team and their collaboration with the Citizens and Neighborhood Resources Department. Believe it or not they are already working on next year's event.

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National Statistics About Speeding

- Speeding is one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes and traffic fatalities.
- Speeding has now reached epidemic proportions nationally, evidenced by the fact that motor-vehicle crashes are now the leading cause of death for teenagers and young adults.
- Speed is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal crashes.
- On average, 1,000 Americans are killed every month in speed-related crashes.
- Between midnight and 3 a.m., 77 percent of speeding drivers involved in fatal crashes have been drinking.
- In 2000, 34 percent of male drivers, 15 to 20 years old, involved in fatal crashes were speeding.
- Research shows that motorists erroneously believe that speeding is not a great risk to safety or as serious as other traffic violations.
- Speeding involvement for motorcyclists in fatal crashes was twice as high as for car and light truck drivers.
- Only 15 percent of speed-related fatalities occur on interstate highways.



*Bruce Wall
demonstrating
the speed trailer*

Speeding Vehicles In Your Neighborhood?

Speeding continues to be a problem throughout the Valley Of The Sun. In Scottsdale, numerous calls are taken daily from citizens who are concerned about their safety not only as a driver, but also as a pedestrian. Currently, the City of Scottsdale has a Speed Awareness Program, which utilizes the **3-E** approach, and they are:

- *Education*
- *Enforcement*
- *Engineering*

In the *Initial Phase*, the City will conduct a neighborhood meeting and remind the community members (drivers) of the posted speed limit and the importance of driving the speed limit. Other tools that are discussed and also available are speed trailer, speed signs, and hand-held radar devices.

In the *Enforcement Phase*, a police officer will monitor the street and enforce all traffic laws.

Finally in the *Engineering Phase* the Traffic Engineering Department will study the design of the street, and analyze the traffic flow, then make recommendations to the neighborhood.

For more information, please contact Bruce Wall of the Citizens and Neighborhood Resources Department at 480-312-7787 or visit the City's website at:

<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/safety/speed/default.asp>



From The Desk Of Officer Mark R. Ruffennach

The Holiday Season has always been my favorite time of the year. On the other hand it is also my busiest time of the year presenting safety messages to people of all ages. Below are just a few things you may consider practicing during the Holiday Season:

- *While out and about, present an alert appearance.*
- *Be aware of crowded places and of your surroundings and scan the area from time to time.*
- *Avoid concentrating so hard on shopping that you fail to keep track of your surroundings.*
- *Wear conservative, comfortable clothing.*
- *Grip carried items firmly and avoid leaving them unattended.*
- *Carry minimal cash and valuables and wear minimal jewelry.*
- *Shop with friends or relatives if possible.*
- *Pickpockets' favorite places are revolving doors, jammed aisles, elevators, and public transportation stops and vehicles, especially at rush hour.*
- *Carry the day's most expensive purchases closest to your body.*

I hope you have a safe and happy Holiday Season. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (480) 312-5696 or e-mail me at: mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov

Sincerely,

Mark R. Ruffennach
Crime Prevention-District 2

Up-Coming Events

Hotel Safety Seminar – November 16, 2004 from 9am to 11am at the Inn at Pima. This seminar will cover the importance of criminal background checks on employees as well as fraudulent schemes that are frequently occurring in the hotel industry.



S.M.I.L.E. Conference – November 19-21, 2004 at the APS Center in Central Phoenix. S.M.I.L.E. is the acronym for Safety Magic In Law Enforcement and has recently received an award from the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners (ISCPP) as the top child safety education program worldwide. The mission of S.M.I.L.E. is to teach children about safety and violence prevention using a variety of fine arts such as clowning, magic and puppetry. If you would like to learn more about the organization or if you have an interest in being a part of the excitement, go to:

www.smileclowns.org



Scottsdale Police Recruitment

The Scottsdale Police Department is actively seeking qualified individuals to become police officers. If you are interested or know someone who is, please call Officer Greg Carlin at (480) 312-5384 or e-mail him at:

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